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The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I take pleasure in submitting, as requested in Section 3 of the CIA Information Act, a report on the feasibility of conducting systematic review for declassification and release of Central Intelligence Agency information of historical value.

This kind of review is indeed feasible, and to carry it out we have established the new Historical Review Program that our report describes. Under this program we have begun the process of declassifying historically significant CIA records for transfer to the National Archives.

This report has been prepared in consultation with those officials and historians specified by the CIA Information Act; their findings are appended to mine. The involvement of these scholars has been extraordinarily helpful, and we have incorporated all of their recommendations into our Historical Review Program.

I especially endorse our consultants' recommendation that we reassemble them, or a comparable panel in two or three years, to assess the program's progress and to make such further recommendations as are necessary. This program has my strong support and we are determined to make it succeed.

As the CIA Information Act directs, I am also sending my report and this letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives, and to the Chairmen of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

Sincerely,

Wsz William J. Casey
William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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